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REF: A. JAKARTA 5162

B. BANGKOK 7991

C. MANILA 5702

D. JAKARTA 4876

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN COMMENTS TO PRESS MAY 2, MALIK MENTIONED DESIRABILITY OF EARLY US CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI ON US POLICIES TOWARD ASIA AFTER VIETNAM, REFERRING TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT US WAS PLANNING SUCH CONSULTATIONS (SEE REF A). MALIK ALSO SAID US DEFENSE PERIMETER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL BE WITHDRAWN TO PHILIPPINES, IMPLYING PERHAPS THAT HE NOW
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DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN NEED FOR US BASES IN THAILAND AND

THOSE IN PHILIPPINES. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING ANTARA, MALIK SAID MAY 2 THAT INDONESIA WELCOMES CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND THAT HE HAD SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM AMBASSADOR NEWSOM ABOUT US PLANS BUT THAT AMBASSADOR HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON, (REF A, B, C).

2. SINAR HARAPAN REPORTED MAY 2 THAT IT HAD LEARNED FROM "CERTAIN CIRCLES" THAT MALIK-KISSINGER MEETING IS NOW BEING ARRANGED "AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE," PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED VISITS OF KISSINGER TO CYPRUS OR CHINA. MALIK WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY SOURCE OF THIS REPORT, SINCE IT WAS COUPLED WITH OTHER STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO MALIK DURING INTERVIEW HE GAVE TO SINAR HARAPAN (SEE PARA 4 BELOW). ARTICLE SAID A US-INDONESIAN MEETING HAD ALREADY BEEN PLANNED IN JULY, "NEAR THE US," BUT THAT NOW IT WAS DESIRABLE TO ARRANGE AN EARLIER MEETING.

3. SINAR ARTICLE CONTINUED: INDONESIA WOULD STRESS IN MEETING WITH KISSINGER THAT US SHOULD NOT USE ASEAN AS A TOOL OF ITS OWN POLICIES, AS IT HAD IN INDOCHINA; ASEAN NATIONS WOULD PREFER THAT US CORRECT ITS POLICIES--ALTHOUGH THIS WILL BE A "BITTER PILL" FOR THE US--BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, US SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY ROLE IN AREA BY GIVING ECONOMIC AID AND STRENGTHENING ABILITY OF NATIONS IN AREA TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

4. SINAR ARTICLE THEN QUOTED MALIK SAYING US WILL WITHDRAW ITS BASES IN THAILAND SINCE THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED BY THAILAND, AND WILL ESTABLISH A NEW "DEFENSE RADIUS" IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IN OKINAWA FOR EAST ASIA.

5. COMMENT: COMMENT ABOUT NEED FOR NON-INTERFERENCE BY US TOWARD ASEAN AND REMOVAL US BASES (PARA 3) ECHO MALIK'S RECENT STATEMENTS (REF D). HOWEVER, MALIK'S ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT THAT NEW US DEFENSE PERIMETER WILL BE DRAWN IN PHILIPPINES, WHEREAS THAI BASES NO LONGER NEEDED, INDICATES HE MAY BE GETTING MESSAGE FROM US
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AND, PERHAPS FROM MILITARY LEADERSHIP OF PRESENT DELICATE STATE US-PHILIPPINE BASE QUESTION. RAND ANALYST GUY PAUKER, WHO MET WITH MANY GOI MILITARY LEADERS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, TOLD AMBASSADOR MAY 3 THAT MALIK IS THE ONLY GOI LEADER ADVOCATING ELIMINATION OF US BASES, AND THAT MILITARY LEADERSHIP SUPPORTS CONTINUED US MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. (MEMCON FOLLOWS.)
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